

I find it appalling that Sinclair Broadcasting is allowed to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. My fears of media consolidation have all been realized. These are public airwaves! They belong to all of us! When we let media organizations use them free of charge they should use them in ways that serve the public interest, not the narrow interest of partisan station owners who live far away from the communities in which their stations operate.

This trend toward media consolidation gets our nation further and further away from democracy and closer and closer to government ruled by special interests. It also takes away the ability of local stations to air programs that involve community issues.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.